

Here at Home

By Maude Miller

Attending a banquet the other night, we were reminded of a story. . . One of the most famous sessions of the French Chamber of Deputies involved a long and heated debate on whether or not French women were to be given the right to vote. A deputy (representative) finished his speech by shouting, "It's a disgrace that the wonderful women of France, famous throughout the world for their chic, intelligence and beauty, should not have equal rights with men. After all, in this modern world, between men and women there is very little difference!"

At this point, a charming Frenchman in the back of the room jumped to his feet and cried, "Vive la difference!"

Long live the difference between men and women! We heartily agree, and today we think women are wonderful. . . and can do wonderful things. . . Like the banquet we mentioned above. It's an annual affair given by an organization of women devoted to studying and acting on important legislation. Their citizenship is important to them, as it should be to all of us. Or like Edna. Seems to us she runs the Sam Levy Store with the efficiency and drive of a man, and the warmth and charm of a woman. Or like Edna Mullen, manager of the Woman Side of the Store. You probably know Edna. . . most people in our town do. She's the sweet-faced, terrific gal who, when she says, "May I help you?" . . . really means it.

"Edna," said I last Friday, "Christmas is coming. What's new and different. . . and not too costly. . . for Christmas giving?"

She showed me the answer, and if I'd had any sense I'd have bought everything right then and there. . . but I was too busy talking notes. So here it is for your own lists. . . gifts to make hearts glad and keep purses from getting too empty.

Jools, jools, jools. . . everything's jeweled these days! The latest is Colorex. . . silly and funny and just right for that little extra something to give. They're little clips which can be used for drink glass markers, place card holders, scarf and dress clips. . . all decorated with tiny pineapples or strawberries or pearls, flowers and rhinestones. . . glamorize your desk, bar or table as well as your. . . for only \$1.25 per set!

Rings! So handsome and inexpensive you can have 'em for your toes as well as your fingers! We especially like a huge baroque pearl and rhinestone one mounted in what you would swear is silver. Others have big, blobby pearls or delicate circles of pearls and diamond-like rhinestones. And the ones set with real turquoise are gorgeous!

Could hardly tear ourselves away from the jewelry department, and have lots more to tell you about the "treasures" there. . . next week. But don't forget to ask for the earrings that give us gals a new place to carry mad money. . . on our ears! They're made of brightly polished 1954 quarters! Perfect for sweaters and skirts.

Edna and I decided Sam Levy's is the place for blouses. . . not just shirts (you remember we've got those too) but real honest-to-goodness blouses. Perfect under suit jackets, and pretty as a picture with just the skirt. We've got blouses custom designed and hand detailed and embroidered by Pilot. . . with the most effective use of delicate lace and French embroidery we've ever seen! There's one that's a real baby doll. . . yet sophisticated. Soft, sheer pleating at neck, the top a poem of lace and sheer pleating, pearl buttoned, short sleeved. . . and washable! All styles comes in sizes 32 to 38. . . an extra outfit for pin money.

More about gift selections next time. . . but now we'd better get over to the. . .

Man Side
Ray says: "Everybody's been asking about corduroy sport jackets. They're in!"
Took a look at them. . . and my hunt for what to get friend husband is over. . . they're fully lined, with that 3-button Ivy league look, center vent and big, big flap pockets. Two styles, one vertical corded, one cross-grained or horizontal corded. . . both unbelievably low-priced for such styling and finish. Colors are subtle and good. . . Dove gray, wine, black, sand. . . all with matching or contrasting linings.

Woman Side
Red, red, red. . . in lingerie that is! Nighties in permanent ly pleated nylon tulle; half slips with flirty lace ruffles at the bottom; and (says Edna)

Doss Heads Kiwanis Slate For 1956

The Kiwanis club of Torrance has elected new officers for 1956. They are Joe Doss, president; Jay Barrington, first vice-president; Ken Anderson, second vice-president; and Clint Meadway, treasurer.

The new directors elected were: Bob Clayton, Parke Montague, Glenn Pfeil, Jim Post, and Dick Pyle.

On the committee handling the election were: Alden Smith, Hod Wood, Dean Sears, and By Scott.

Joe Doss, when asked how he felt about his election as president, said, "I am very proud and pleased to be president during 1956, and wish to express my thanks to all the members for their confidence and will certainly endeavor to make 1956 another banner year for the Kiwanis club of Torrance."

Ken Anderson, vice-president elect, was instrumental in presenting an oil painting of the old Monast Pier and the water front at Redondo Beach to the Kiwanis club of Redondo Beach. The painting was done by M. Rossart some 35 years ago and hung in Subway Terminal building for over 30 years.

S&I Furniture Store Relocates
S & I Furniture Co., formerly located at 520 E. Sepulveda, recently moved to a new location at 24007 Avalon Blvd., according to Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Weinstein, owners.

"We feature very good used furniture at this store as well as appliances and TV sets," Mrs. Weinstein stated. The firm has been located in this area for four years.

red panties arriving soon. Wow! Our Side

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PERRY GROUPS TELL STANDS ON DOUBLE SESSION ISSUE

More Resignations Told, Fathers Club Organizes Stand On Double Sessions Clarified By Perry P-TA

(Editor's note: A number of parents whose children attend Perry elementary school have organized a Fathers club in the hope of being able to discover what can be done to eliminate double sessions and then create community-wide interest to do something about double sessions.)

While first trying to work through Perry P-TA, the group decided to organize on an independent basis because of conflicting attitudes.

Officials of the Fathers club issued the following explanation of their stand and of recent developments:

"Two more resignations from the executive board of the Perry School P-TA in North Torrance this week brought to four the number of resignations resulting from the bitter controversy caused by complaints of parents over half-day sessions.

"Mrs. Warren Randall, editor of Newsletters, the Perry P-TA official publication, turned in her resignation, expressing dissatisfaction with the manner in which meetings were conducted, and the fact that certain members of the board were opposed to a current movement to improve school conditions.

"Mrs. Robert Nelson, secretary of the Perry P-TA, resigned, giving the same reasons.

Previous Resignations
"Previously resignations were turned in by Mrs. Gordon Lee, librarian, credited with having built up a good library for the children of Perry, and by Chester Weaver, treasurer.

"Weaver, in resigning, said that his resignation followed because of undemocratic and high-handed tactics at a recent meeting of the P-TA, attended mostly by teachers, school officials, and representatives of neighboring P-TAs. The regular meeting a week previously had been passed over and a later meeting held to enable school authorities to attend and present information showing that everything possible had been done to improve the school situation.

"It was admitted at this meeting by E. S. Waldrip of the Torrance Unified School District Board that sufficient money for the public schools was not available because the wealth must first catch up with the growth in Torrance.

Resolution
"A resolution, presented at the last meeting, is scheduled to come up for action at a meeting on November 17, calling for a letter of commendation to Governor Goodwin J. Knight and Mrs. Rollin Brown, Los Angeles, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, for their leadership in the statewide movement started recently in a Sacramento conference to obtain more school building.

"The resignations were all in protest against an alleged determined stand by other members of the board to allow no criticism of the school situation to emanate from the floor of P-TA assemblies. Weaver charged that gag rule was being resorted to, and that the board was deviating from the accepted rules of democratic conduct of meetings. Other fathers, all of whom have children in the Perry School, some of the children on half-day sessions, also accused the board of improper conduct.

"Weaver's resignation followed the last meeting, at which he attempted to state his views on the double sessions and the overcrowded conditions at the school. But they wouldn't let me say a word, he charged.

Why Organized
"The North Torrance Fathers club was organized recently as a result of the school controversy for the purpose of obtaining legislation for increased school appropriations and to clean up the neighborhood of the school.

"The Fathers club believes that more school funds must be made available before the condition of the schools can be brought up to a satisfactory standard.

"Sam Freedman, chairman of the Fathers club, said: "It is mostly a matter for the taxpayers. I am confident that when Mr. Average Citizen, who has one or more children in school, sees the gravity of the situation, the problem will be tackled with more gusto and solved to the satisfaction of every community.

"This problem is not only a local one, it exists throughout the nation, but especially is serious in California, and Southern California in particular."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A controversy concerning the existence of double sessions arose recently among some parents whose children attend Perry elementary school.)

Perry P-TA officials this week indicated that such dissatisfaction does not reflect the thinking and attitude of the P-TA itself and that the P-TA has gone on record by way of resolution reaffirming its faith in the local school administration.

In an effort to clarify the situation, Perry P-TA officials issued the following statement:

"The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perry school, in its September meeting, had planned as part of its program parent-teacher conferences to be held in the classrooms by the teachers. The majority of the parents went to their respective conferences. However, a group of people, dissatisfied with half-day sessions, continued the meeting. They passed a motion in the form of a resolution, in part 'demanding Perry school go off double sessions,' to be sent to the Board of Education.

"In reply, the Perry P-TA received a letter explaining in detail the very good reasons why double sessions were impossible to do away with at this time.

"Informed members of the P-TA, realizing all that can be done is being done in the school building program, planned an October meeting with the program designed to answer some of the questions of the parents.

Panel Discussion
"A representative from the Board of Education, school administrators, president of Torrance Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, and long-time residents of Perry school district were presented as a symposium to bring facts and figures to the group on why we are not able to go off double sessions in Torrance.

"The general feeling of the Perry P-TA, after hearing these people, was 'Improvement in schools, not perfection, can be achieved with the local cooperation of the P-TA and school working-together.'

"The reputation of Perry P-TA in the past has been one of sincere cooperation with school, and it can see the fruits it has borne with this arrangement.

"A motion was passed by the Perry P-TA stating: 'I move we as a P-TA go on record as affirming our confidence in the school administration, our willingness to cooperate with it, and our intention to adhere to policies of P-TA.'

"The Perry P-TA has had an unfair picture given the public. It has been presented as a divided group, and actually the demands are from a minority.

"The Association, working under policies and by-laws of the P-TA, will continue to work with the schools for better programs, methods and basic skills to further the welfare of our children.

Non-Interference Policy
"Mrs. Kenneth W. McVey, parliamentarian, read excerpts from the non-interference policy, which states: "A major purpose of the Congress of Parent-Teacher Associations is to secure the cooperation of parents, teachers and other adult citizens in all that concerns the education and welfare of youth. Since the administration of the school is recognized as the function of the school authorities, the national by-laws provide that Congress Parent-Teacher Associations shall not seek to direct the administrative activities of the schools or to control their policies."

"Upholding these policies and observing the objects of P-TA, the loyalty among the Perry P-TA executive board is still foremost.

"The North Torrance Fathers' Club is not recognized within Perry P-TA and is working independently of it.

"Perry P-TA still believes friendly cooperation is the keynote. By working together we develop a unity of effort and understanding of our common goals, and solutions to our problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Stubbs, of 2213 Caballo, announce the birth of a daughter, Marie Malissa, weighing 7 pounds and 13 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Faber, of 1423 W. 246th St., announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey Allen, weighing 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

Thieves Steal Honeymoon Luggage While Soldier, Bride Exchange Vows

While a soldier and his bride were successful in hiding their honeymoon car from prankish friends during the marriage ceremony and wedding celebration, they weren't quite so lucky hiding it from thieves who made off with \$281 of luggage and clothing packed away in the car.

Billy R. Sholmire, 21, a soldier stationed with the 77th Missile Battalion at 104th st. and Yukon ave., thought he would outsmart his friends by leaving his car parked at Hawthorne ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd. Saturday while he and his bride, the former Miss Carolyn Jenkins of Inglewood, were being married a considerable distance away at the Calvary Baptist church, 701 E. El Segundo Blvd.

When the two returned to their car they found that it had been broken into and that all the clothing and luggage had been stolen, including the bridegroom's four suits, one coat, two pairs of slacks, six shirts, and one suitcase, and the bride's four dresses, one skirt, and other items.

Miffed but undaunted, the newlyweds stopped briefly at their Inglewood residence, picked up some more clothes, and proceeded toward their undisclosed honeymoon destination.

Stacy B. Rodman of 20028 Ingram Way, Torrance certified public accountant, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Accountants, national professional society of CPAs.

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At 2 p.m. a big public party will be held right at the pole location at Twin Pontiac agency to celebrate the 100th day atop the 65 foot pole for Al Ingman who is attempting to beat the world's record of 196 days to win a 4 year scholarship to USC.

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